AFL-CIO PRESIDENT RICHARD TRUMKA SAYS,

“This is OUR America!”

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, in a powerful speech about both the opportunities and many challenges facing America’s organized labor movement, told Convention delegates, “It’s time for us to stop wishing the world were different. It’s time to make it different.”

Heartfelt and passionate, Trumka tackled the issues facing OPEIU and the labor movement head-on. “America’s working people need a strong labor movement,” said an animated Trumka. “Union density in the private sector is less than seven percent...and the attacks on us just keep coming,” he said. “We’re faced with a choice. We’re either going to make excuses, point the finger of blame, or we’re going to take the responsibility on ourselves to do something about it.”

RADIO HOST STEPHANIE MILLER SAYS, “OPEIU IS STRONG AND GETTING STRONGER”

The always hilarious Stephanie Miller, host of The Stephanie Miller Show on Sirius/XM Radio, delivered a funny—but incredibly insightful—speech about the labor movement, the Right Wing agenda and what needs to be done to protect America’s workers. Nothing was off-limits for the colorful comedian. When she wasn’t commenting on New Jersey Governor Chris Christie’s new figure, she was skewering Michele Bachmann, Rush Limbaugh and postulating that Sarah Palin thinks Plymouth Rock is located in North Carolina.

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OPEIU Vice Presidents Elected

Candidates from five Regions were nominated unopposed, and therefore elected as Vice Presidents. The newly elected Vice Presidents are:

**Region I**
- Darshan Nair

**Region II**
- Richard Lanigan
- John Mattiacci, DPM
- Patricia Priloh
- Dan Dyer
- Mary Short

**Region III**
- Greg Blackman
- Dennis Arrington

**Region IV**
- Becky Turner

**Region V**
- Walter Allen Jr.
- Tamara Rubyn

**Region VI**
- Suzanne Mode

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**Elections to be held today**

Three candidates, Aaron Sanders, Duane Spencer and Shanon Taylor, were nominated for the position of Vice President from Region VII. An election will be held today to determine the winners of the two seats.

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A 100-YEAR-OLD CHARLES PONTI SR SAYS, "YOU GOTTA FIGHT!"

Convention delegates sat in awe as a 100-year-old Charles Ponti Sr., a 76-year OPEIU member, delivered a feisty speech about organizing and his union experiences—dating back to 1937. “I like to tell organizers, if you do not fight, you’re no organizer,” said Ponti. With humor and an indomitable spirit, Ponti said, “As one person, you can’t do anything. But, when you organize, you can do anything!”

Then, President Goodwin asked Ponti’s family to join them on stage and, as 500 cupcakes were wheeled into the hall, delegates delighted in singing Happy Birthday to a much-surprised Ponti.

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**Convention Fun Fact!**

The Giant Dipper, a classic, wooden roller coaster in Belmont Park, along Mission Beach, is one of only two ocean-side coasters on the West Coast. Built in 1925, it is also the only roller coaster in the U.S. to have National Landmark status and to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

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**Today’s Forecast**

*Subject to Mother Nature!*

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AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka: “This is OUR America!”

With hands raised in defiance, a fiery Trumka spoke about the needs of workers who have been shut out of the labor movement by inadequate laws and ruthless employers. “We’re going to do better. We have to do better. And if you want to see political power, wait until we have 20 million members instead of 12 million!”

“We’ll work for it. We’ll fight for it. We’ll stand together! We’ll win together!”

—AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka

On what we, America’s labor workforce should expect, Trumka said, “Here’s what I want you to tell people—expect wins!” Adding, “Expect a day soon—we’ve got to work for it—when America starts creating the good jobs again, and wages and benefits begin to climb...when workers are recognized again for the contributions we make to our society, our economy and our communities.”

STEPHANIE MILLER SAYS AMERICA NEEDS LABOR UNIONS

Miller took a break from the comedy, however, while taking a question from a delegate about how to balance the political spin in the media. “It’s a solid wall of union bashing on the right,” said a serious Miller.

“You have Rush Limbaugh on 500 stations, espousing hate on a daily basis,” she said. “That’s why it’s so important that we support progressive media,” who will report on organized labor victories and challenges facing workers. But, Miller also pointed out that all that hate talk “isn’t helping them win elections, is it?” Miller left delegates with this message: “Continue fighting the good fight.” Delegates accepted her challenge with cheers and a standing ovation.
OPEIU RECOGNIZES LONG-SERVICE MEMBERS
Convention delegates paid tribute to those with 40 years of service or more to OPEIU.

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Check out the OPEIU Historical Exhibit located outside the Convention Hall

Resolutions Committee Co-Chairs Christine Page and Aaron Sanders share Resolutions for consideration by the Convention.

Constitution and Laws Committee Co-Chairs Richard Lanigan and Becky Turner review Constitutional Amendments.

Tim Sullivan from Local 6 and Chair of the OPEIU Rising Stars Program delivers a report to the Convention.